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Cardinal from Argentina elected Pope

Popular pastor picked. Conclave needed just five ballots to choose seasoned Jesuit — a papacy first — to lead Roman Catholic Church

Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected Pope Wednesday and chose the name Francis, becoming the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

Looking stunned, Francis shyly waved to the crowd of tens of thousands of people who gathered in St. Peter's Square, marvelling that the cardinals needed to look to "the end of the Earth" to find a bishop of Rome.

In choosing a 76-year-old pope, the cardinals clearly decided that they didn't need a vigorous, young pope who would reign for decades but rather a seasoned, popular pastor who would draw followers to the faith. The cardinal electors overcame deep divisions to select the 266th pontiff in a remarkably fast, five-ballot conclave.

Francis asked for prayers for himself, and for retired Pope Benedict XVI, whose surprising resignation paved the way for the conclave that brought the first Jesuit to the papacy.

Bergoglio had reportedly finished second in the 2005 conclave that produced Benedict — who last month became the first pope to resign in 600 years.

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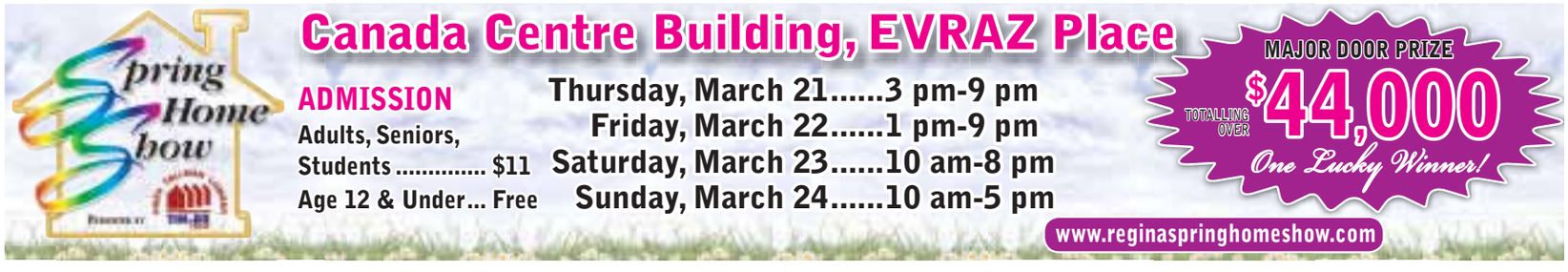
First words from Pope Francis

"Brothers and sisters, good evening. You know that the work of the conclave is to give a bishop to Rome. It seems as if my brother cardinals went to find him from the end of the Earth. Thank you for the welcome."

Newly elected Pope Francis, to wild cheers in his first public remarks as pontiff.

Pope Francis waves to the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday. Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, who chose the name of Francis, is the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Saskatchewan won't raise education property tax: Wall

Province 'to ensure' revenue-neutrality.
Premier warns if your property value went up far more than the average you might see a 'small increase'

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

Premier Brad Wall may have scored some points with property owners across the province on Wednesday morning.

At the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) annual convention, Wall announced that the provincial government would "hold the line" in terms of Saskatchewan's education property tax, even with the rising value of property.

"We're going to ensure there's revenue-neutrality," said Wall. "There won't be an increase in education property tax in terms of individual properties, but we have to be very clear, all of this is based on an average. If the value of someone's property went up a lot more than the average, they might see a small increase."

Property value in Saskatchewan has increased by 67 per cent over the last four years from $58 billion in 2009 up to $97 billion in 2013, and to keep property taxes revenue-neutral the province will be cutting the education tax rate "significantly" in next week's provincial budget.

Minister of Government Relations Jim Reiter said although the education property tax won't be increasing in 2013, it won't stay that way forever.

"If you consistently keep it revenue-neutral, there isn't even an inflation factor in there, so you're actually dropping it lower and lower over the years," said Reiter. "We're going to have a discussion on that; probably we'll see some changes down the road, but certainly we're going to do that in a collaborative way."

The convention is running until Thursday at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

Premier Brad Wall speaks to delegates at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities annual convention on Wednesday morning. Wall said despite a massive increase in property value across the province, education property taxes would remain the same. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Distracted driving a top issue: Safety council

Drivers in Saskatchewan must be cut off from their tendency to use their cellphones behind the wheel, a provincial safety organization says.

The Saskatchewan Safety Council stressed that point Wednesday after Metro News reported that the province's police chiefs will soon consider pushing for authority to seize cellphones from drivers caught repeatedly talking or texting.

The use of cellphones by motorists while driving remains "one of the highest issues we have in this province," said Ryan Jacobson, the safety council's program manager.

Though Jacobson did not confirm the council would get behind a push by municipal police officers and RCMP for authority to seize cellphones temporarily from repeat offenders, he said "anything that can possibly reduce the amount of distracted driving in the province, we'd be in support of looking at."

The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police (SACP) will discuss the matter in April. Saskatoon police Chief Clive Weighill, the SACP's vice-president, said Tuesday that thousands of motorists continue to disregard the provincial law that took effect two years ago to ban cellphone use while driving.

A spokeswoman with the governing Saskatchewan Party said the province will wait to see what, if anything, "comes forward formally" from the SACP before taking a position.

But a new government traffic-safety committee, the spokeswoman said, could weigh the issue.

"That's just one possibility," she said.

"The committee hasn't begun its work yet. They're going to be looking at a whole variety of issues that factor into traffic safety. Distracted driving is one of them."

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Euphoria: Cheers ring out from the crowd in St Peter's Square in Rome as white smoke is sighted rising from the Sistine Chapel's chimney. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

We have a pope! World hails Vatican's new man

Obama's tribute. Pope Francis carries forth the 2,000-year message of love and compassion, says U.S. president

Habemus Papam — we have a pope!

The joy swiftly went viral on Wednesday.

As a cacophony of welcome swept the globe, world leaders sent in their congratulations and Roman Catholics celebrated.

Argentine Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio had just been elected to the papacy — making him the first pontiff from the Americas. And as bells tolled and crowds cheered across Latin America, U.S. President Barack Obama offered warm wishes to Pope Francis.

He said the selection speaks to the strength and vitality of the New World.

"I offer our warm wishes to His Holiness Pope Francis," Obama said.

"As a champion of the poor and the most vulnerable among us, he carries forth the message of love and compassion that has inspired the world for more than 2,000 years."

In Europe, British Prime Minister David Cameron, French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel also issued statements of congratulations.

Wednesday was "a momentous day for the 1.2 billion Catholics around the world," Cameron said in a message posted to Twitter.

Merkel, the daughter of a Lutheran pastor, said millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike would be looking to the new pope for guidance not just in questions of faith but in matters of peace, justice and protecting creation.

Merkel said she was particularly happy for Christians in Latin America, who now had one of their own called to be pope for the first time.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he looked forward to co-operation with the Holy See under Pope Francis's "wise leadership."

European Union leaders Herman Van Rompuy and Jose Manuel Barroso also wished the new Catholic leader "a long and blessed pontificate."

The atmosphere across Latin America brimmed with excitement and surprise, with people bursting into tears and cheers on streets from Buenos Aires to Caracas, Venezuela.

"It's incredible!" said Martha Ruiz, 60, who was weeping tears of emotion in the Argentine capital.

She said she had been in many meetings with the cardinal and said, "He is a man who transmits great serenity."

At the St. Francis of Assisi church in the colonial Old San Juan district in Puerto Rico, church secretary Antonia Veloz exchanged jubilant high-fives with Jose Antonio Cruz, a Franciscan friar.

"It's a huge gift for all of Latin America. We waited 20 centuries. It was worth the wait," said Cruz.

Even in Communist Cuba, there was pride as church bells rang in celebration.

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Quoted

"We have Messi and we have the Pope now!"

Jubilant Gabriela Pisquariello, an owner of the Bueno Aires Bakery and Café in Miami's Little Buenos Aires, referring to star Argentine soccer player Lionel Messi.

Big-hearted cardinal

He rode the bus and cared deeply for the poor

As a cardinal, Jorge Mario Bergoglio — the new Pope — rode the bus and visited the poor.

He was known all over Argentina for caring for the destitute.

Bergoglio was born in December 1936 in Buenos Aires, one of five children of an Italian railway worker.

He had a lung removed when he was a teenager due to an infection.

He studied chemistry and then philosophy at university before teaching literature and psychology in Argentina.

He joined the Jesuit order in 1958 before being ordained a priest in 1969.

From 1973 to 1979 he served as the Jesuit provincial in Argentina, then in 1980 became the rector of the seminary where he studied.

He served there until 1986 after which he completed his doctorate in Germany and returned to Argentina.

He was appointed Buenos Aires city archbishop in February 1998 and made cardinal by John Paul II in February 2001.

Bergoglio created new parishes, restructured administrative offices and began new pastoral projects, helping to recover the church's traditional political influence in society.

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Tsunami aftermath

Japan: Thanks a million, Canada!

After an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan two years ago, Canada was quick to help. Millions of dollars were donated.

Japan offered thanks on Wednesday, with a $1 million "token of gratitude" that will go toward the cost of cleaning up debris that washes up on our shores.

"Canadians from all walks of life opened their hearts to the victims," said Japanese Consul General Seiji Okada in Vancouver.

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Sexist jab

North Korea spews 'venom'

North Korea's first public, senior-level mention of South Korea's first female president was a sexist jab.

The body that controls North Korea's military complained Wednesday about the "venomous swish" of her skirt.

But despite that swipe, President Park Geun-hye is sticking by her campaign vow to reach out to North Korea's young leader, Kim Jong Un, and to send much-needed humanitarian aid.

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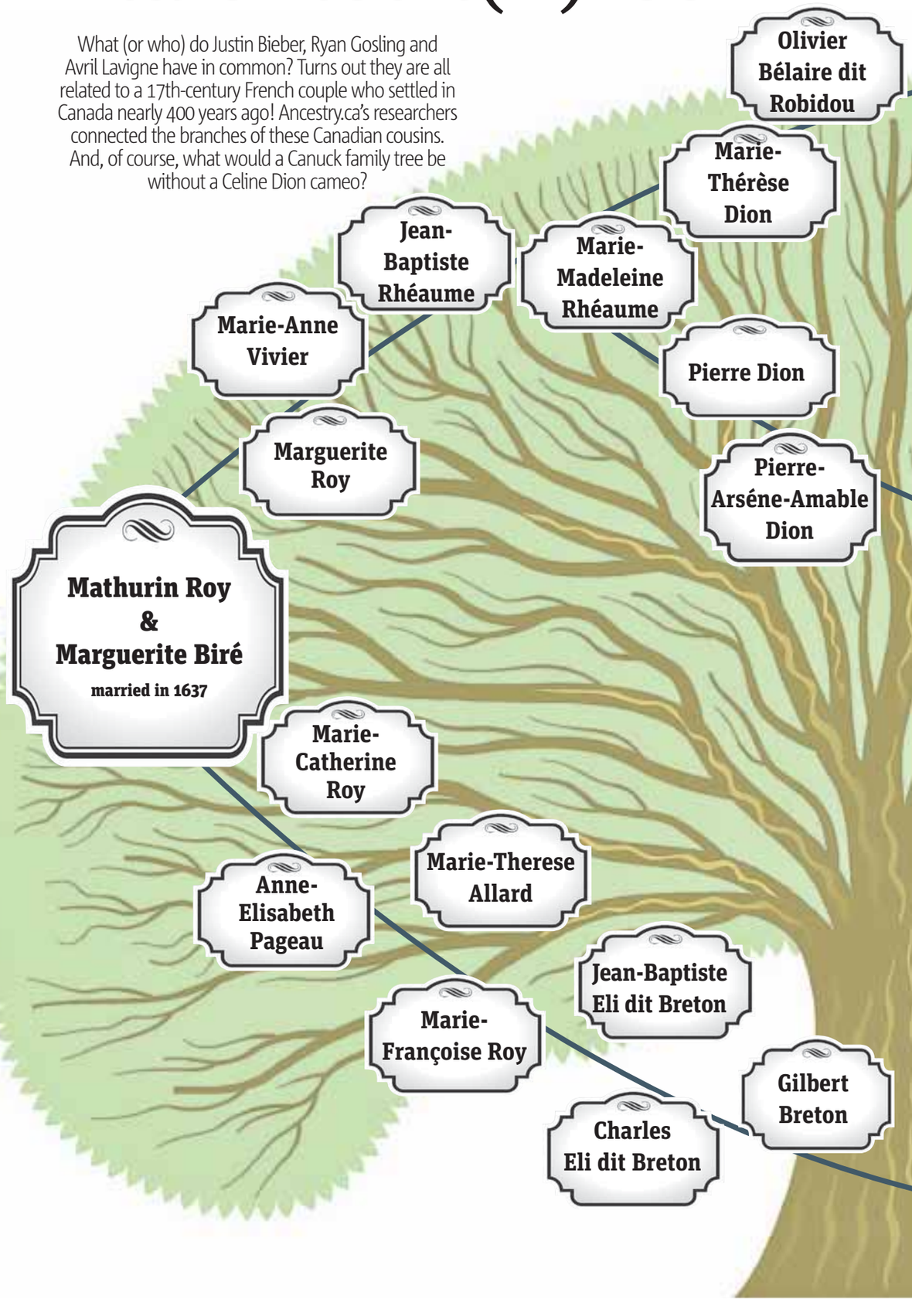
Oh, Canada

Being related to Rachel McAdams, Ryan Reynolds or Seth Rogan? Totally cool. Pamela Anderson? Not so much.

A talented t(h)ree

What (or who) do Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling and Avril Lavigne have in common? Turns out they are all related to a 17th-century French couple who settled in Canada nearly 400 years ago! Ancestry.ca's researchers connected the branches of these Canadian cousins. And, of course, what would a Canuck family tree be without a Celine Dion cameo?



The Canadian connection

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Researchers at Ancestry.ca have discovered that Canadian prince and gangster-in-training Justin Bieber is related to Ryan Gosling, Celine Dion and Avril Lavigne.

Bieber and Dion are 10th cousins. Gosling is Bieber's 11th cousin once removed (what does "removed" even mean? I have a couple family members I wouldn't mind having "removed"). Bieber and Lavigne are 12th cousins.

Let's put this in perspective. Considering its size, Canada is sparsely populated. And I'm going to take a guess that a large portion of that population can be found squished into southern Ontario and Alberta. We're probably all 12th cousins. Heck, you might have a better chance of a Canadian celebrity cousin than rolling up a winning rim on a coffee cup.

So who's your celebrity kinfolk? Don't you want to know? Maybe you can't put down your iPhone because Alexander Graham Bell is your eighth great grand something? Or you love burnt toast because Dr. Wilder Penfield's blood flows through your veins. Clearly, I have watched way too many Canadian Heritage commercials.

When you grow up in a trailer park like I did, you tend to stay away from researching your family tree for fear that the stereotypes might be true and you're missing a few important branches. But now I'm dying to find out.

What rich and famous cousins could I be mooching off like only family can?

I could spend my days lounging in cousin Shania's infinity pool. Then crash at cousin Keanu's guesthouse at night. Maybe cousin Seth Rogen could come over and we'll work on a movie script! And when my meddling 13th cousin Rachel McAdams starts asking when I'm going to get a "real" job, I'll storm off in a huff into the loving arms of my kissing cousin Ryan Reynolds. I'll cry into his hard-bulging chest and he'll comfort me with soothing whispers in my ear, while my cousin-in-law Blake Lively seethes with jealousy.

Who am I kidding? Knowing my luck, I'll be related to Pamela Anderson and have to lend her money to help pay her taxes.

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Maurice Yves Lavigne

Patricia Mallette (mother)

Joseph-François-Amédée Breton

Estelle Germain

Diane M Henry

Marie-Alphonsine-Germaine Breton

The sexy cousin

Ryan Gosling

An 11th cousin once removed from Justin is none other then heart throb Ryan Gosling. The Oscar nominee and the Juno winner are related through Mahurin Roy and Marguerite Biré, who immigrated from France to Quebec in the mid-1600s.

The wild cousin

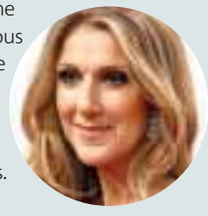
Avril Lavigne

Both Canadian singers, who started their road to stardom when they were teens, share a common family ancestor that goes back 400 years to some of Quebec's earliest settlers. According to Ancestry.ca researchers, Lavigne and the Biebs are 12th cousins.

Family sing-a-long anyone?

Celine Dion

If JB needs some family mentorship, he need look no further than the illustrious Celine Marie Claudette Dion. They are 10th cousins three times removed through Jacques Vezina and Marie Boisdon, who both immigrated to Quebec from France in the mid-1600s.



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Twitter

Metro asked you to share interesting branches you have in your family tree. Here's what you tweeted:

@thepolishviking

#metrofamous A Danish ancestor of mine in the 12th century claimed he was a wizard on a census form...

@thelordjames

My ancestors were baptized by (and I believe related to) Menno Simons. The founder of the Mennonites #metrofamous

@BenBrown21

#metrofamous my great uncle is Sir Cedric Hardwicke #10comandments

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Henry Ford (the car guy) great-grandfather's first cousin. #metrofamous

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my Gt Grandfather, Goldie Prodger played for the St Pats & scored the winning goal the 1st yr the Habs won the Stanley Cup

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My partner's cousin is Noah Reid, star of 'Score: A Hockey Musical' and original voice of Franklin the Turtle

Tomorrow

You think this tree goes way back? How about 100,000 years back? Tomorrow we look at how microscopic mtDNA can tell you even more about how you got here.

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MP Marc Garneau speaks at a press conference on Wednesday to announce his withdrawal from the Liberal leadership race. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Garneau backs Trudeau

Federal Liberal leadership. 'I cannot mathematically win,' former contender says

Marc Garneau dropped out of the federal Liberal leadership race on Wednesday and threw his support to front-runner Justin Trudeau, declaring the outcome "a fait accompli."

The Montreal MP's decision followed an internal poll conducted by his campaign last week, which Garneau said showed Trudeau has the backing of 72 per cent of Liberal members and supporters.

Garneau said he was a "solid second" with 15 per cent, followed by Vancouver MP Joyce Murray with just over seven per cent and former Toronto MP Martha Hall Findlay with just over five per cent.

"I have done my numbers. I cannot mathematically — and I'm a person who believes in math — I cannot mathematically win," Garneau told a news conference.

"I'm not into denial. The numbers indicate very clearly that Justin is the overwhelming favourite."

However, Murray said she puts no stock in Garneau's survey, the methodology of which her camp finds highly suspect.

Murray said she was surprised by Garneau's decision to endorse Trudeau, given that he has repeatedly said a coronation is not in the party's best interests and has accused the front-runner of lacking policy depth, experience and leadership credentials.

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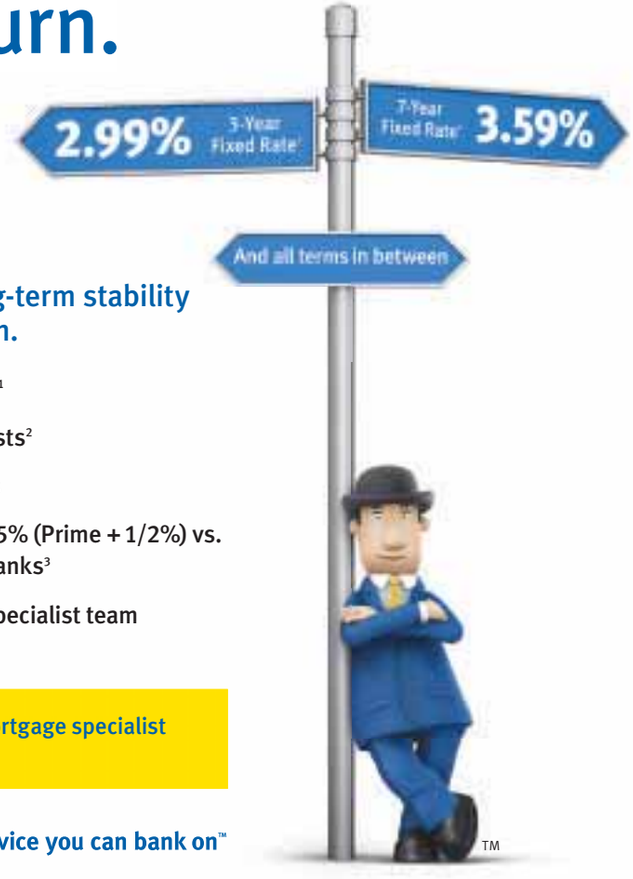

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Making time to smell the goats

PM Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, stop to pet a goat, the mascot of the Governor General's Foot Guards, while waiting for the arrival of French PM Jean-Marc Ayrault on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. The Harper government will use the visit to burnish its tarnished reputation in Europe. France and Canada will sign a joint declaration Thursday on an initiative to create biofuels from seaweed. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montana

Death penalty survives repeal bid

A proposal to abolish Montana's death penalty has failed again, a blow for Canadian Ronald Smith, a convicted murderer who has been on death row in the state for 30 years.

A bill to repeal capital punishment and replace it with a maximum sentence of life in prison was introduced but didn't get past a judiciary committee, which, for the fourth time in eight years, voted to table the bill.

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Victoria

Would-be robber nabbed in return to bank: Police

Would-be bank robbers, listen up. If at first you don't succeed, don't go back to the scene of the crime to check on the investigation.

A 39-year-old Victoria suspect is in jail after being picked up on Tuesday, after an employee spotted him peering in the bank's windows as officers were responding to an attempted heist earlier in the day.

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Cyber crime. Going away? Don't bank on the Wi-Fi

Travellers should be wary of cyber threats on vacation as they access free wireless networks with their smartphones, tablets or laptops, says software security company Symantec Corp.

Canadians travelling for March break and into the summer season shouldn't be doing things like pulling up their bank accounts on Wi-Fi networks, said Lynn Hargrove. director of consumer solutions for Symantec Canada.

"What people don't realize is that there's no security on those Wi-Fi networks for the most part," she said. "It's a great way to keep in touch while you're on vacation, but there are some inherent risks that come with it that people just aren't thinking about."

Symantec has found that two in 10 Canadians pull up their bank accounts on free Wi-Fi networks in Canada.

According to the firm's 2012 Norton Cybercrime report, travellers are often victimized through their mobile devices while abroad, often by text messages.

A woman checks her cellphone at the beach in this file photo. Travellers should be more cautious about using free wireless networks while on vacation, a software security firm says.
ANDREW WARDLOW/THE NEWS HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"We're seeing a lot of fraudulent texts asking you to click on a link or go and dial a number to retrieve a voice mail," Hargrove said.

And the wealth of information stored on a smartphone — pictures, texts, emails, contact lists, work documents, banking information — can be valuable to cyber criminals if stolen or lost, Hargrove said.

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'Tablet for women' targets Middle East consumers

Pink, perky, pandering. Pre-loaded apps cover yoga, perfume, cooking and grocery shopping

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The world's "first tablet for women," complete with a pink background and weight-loss apps, is being condemned as sexist.

Eurostar Group, the Middle East-based creator of the device, says the ePad Femme is designed for a woman's "diverse lifestyle." Based on the pre-loaded selection of apps, that lifestyle includes shopping for groceries, cooking and doing yoga.

Speaking with the Jerusalem Post, Eurostar spokesperson Mani Nair said the Android-powered device "makes a perfect gadget for a woman who might find difficulties in terms of downloading these applications." Nair insisted nothing about the tablet was sexist, and compared it to similar products geared towards gamers. However, others disagree.

The ePad Femme is being marketed as the "first tablet for women."
FACEBOOK/EUROSTAR GROUP

"There have always been special books for women concerning sex, how to please your husband, and what to cook for him," Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger told the Post. "This is just using technology for the same thing."

In Saudi Arabia, women are often highly educated, but not allowed to drive or travel without a male escort. As a result, Al Nafjan says they spend a lot of time online and are fully capable of downloading their own apps.

"Whoever made this tablet doesn't understand us very well," she said. "We are home all the time and we are extremely tech-savvy."

Eurostar has sold about 7,000 units of the tablet since its October launch.

Quoted

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Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger, speaking to the Jerusalem Post.

High-profile hacking should come as no surprise: Obama

The pursuit of hackers who audaciously stole and published credit reports for Michelle Obama, the attorney general, FBI director and other U.S. politicians and celebrities crisscrossed continents and included a San Francisco-based Internet company, Cloudflare, The Associated Press has learned.

The sensational crime caught the attention of Congress and President Barack Obama, who said "we should not be surprised."

Obama said he could not confirm that the first lady's credit report was published earlier this week on a Russian website, along with what appeared to be the credit reports of nearly two dozen others, including Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, Donald Trump and celebrities Britney Spears, Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Tiger Woods.

If accurate as widely suspected, the leaked records put each victim at significant risk of identity theft. Included in the reports are Social Security numbers, dates of birth and a list of previous home addresses.

The president said determined hackers are a persistent threat. "We should not be surprised that if you've got hackers who want to dig in and devote a lot of resources, that they can access people's private information," Obama told ABC News in an interview aired Wednesday. "It is a big problem."

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New agreement

Ottawa gives Air Canada time to fix pension shortfall

A move by Ottawa to help Air Canada deal with a $4.2-billion deficit in its pension plan gives the airline some breathing room as it works to launch a new discount service. But the rules imposed on Air Canada in exchange may turn off other firms looking for the same help with their pension plans.

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Proposed rules

EU measures aim to help stranded airline passengers

The EU is considering beefed-up measures to help stranded airline passengers get compensation and find quicker ways to get home. EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas said the rules would mean that if carriers can't reroute passengers themselves within 12 hours they must find another airline or other transportation.

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CURLY FRIES STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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After a nonstop string of feel-good stories and glowing press, Facebook — the little company that could — has finally been hit with some criticism.

The heretofore infallible website stumbled into the media spotlight for the first time this week when it was revealed that its users might have reason for some — wait for it — privacy concerns. It turns out that hitting "like" on certain Facebook groups or events can reveal more about you to advertisers than might be apparent.

Strike 1, am I right?

A University of Cambridge study (like it on Facebook!) showed that running somebody's Facebook likes through a computer program could give you a decent indicator of that user's gender, race, religion and sexual orientation, not to mention their favourite colour, tooth health, Super Mario high score, social-security number and how good they are in bed (within five per cent).

You might be tempted to call it a modern-day horoscope, but it's just the opposite, because it works.

For instance, it was shown that you could predict a high IQ in a user if they liked thunderstorms, The Colbert Report, science and curly fries. Facebook users who liked the group Eating Curly Fries While Watching Thunderstorm Science on The Colbert Report were mostly employees at the CERN particle accelerator in Geneva.

(It should be noted, though, that the spuds-smarts relationship might just be a coincidence, highlighting the classic logical fallacy of mistaking curly fries for causation.)

The researchers said that most of the computer's predictions were made through indirect connections — it wasn't guessing people were homosexual and Muslim because they liked Homosexuality is Halal (real group!). Instead it was, for instance, successfully predicting homosexuality from choices such as liking the TV show Glee.

I'd argue the bigger privacy concern for somebody who "likes" Glee is the fact it reveals you like Glee, but what do I know?

Other than the twist of the curly fries (ha!) this all seems straightforward to me. Many media outlets played up the report as if it was a shocker, but if you haven't figured out by now that Facebook is going to peruse, parse and package your information any way that it sees fit, then there's a Brooklyn Bridge auction on eBay we should discuss.

I'm no fan of Facebook. It's clear from their many previous transgressions that Facebook (like Google) thinks privacy is passé, maybe even dishonest. The site's new graph search that allows you to search for, say, "friends of friends who live in California and like Katy Perry and Nine Inch Nails" (23 results!) is so fascinating/icky that it feels like a new type of pornography.

But it shouldn't be a surprise anymore.

People will always have the right to raise privacy concerns, and the right to disconnect from Facebook, but if you're surprised by their disregard for your privacy after almost a decade then there's only one solution: Eat more curly fries. All will become clear in time.

ZOOM

Torrential photography

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Tornado is illusion under acidic water

It looks like a giant tornado is causing mayhem in the sky, but this image is simply the reflection of a river running through a mine.

To create this stunning moment, photographer Tomás Bogónez has rotated the picture to appear like a huge fiery cyclone. The image was taken in Río Tinto river in Huelva, southwest Spain. METRO

Upside-down view

"The texture of the river was mind-blowing, the bright colours and the reflection of the river were amazing to see."

Tomás Bogónez

Colours are metals and minerals

The area around Río Tinto has been mined for more than 5,000 years. After centuries of exploiting the site, the waterway has become very dense, acidic and low in oxygen.

NASA scientists have even studied the ecosystem because of its similarities to Mars. The river's vibrant hues of red, ochre and violet are caused by the dissolved metals and minerals. METRO

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Twitter's perpetual parade of parody accounts never fails to keep us mildly amused. Check out this trio of lowlights from yesterday's conclave to see if they stuck the landing after the new Pope was announced.

@ConclaveManCave

Formerly used as the account of a hostile Ryan Gosling before becoming an all-caps F-bomb bot, a name change and a flame-broiled popemobile provide a new home for tedious bro jokes.

@PopeSeagull

The superstar bird started with promise, appointing himself pontiff to set the stage for decrees on how a bird would run things at the Vatican. Sadly, it was followed by food jokes.

@Vatican_Seagull

Hashtag-bombing location updates filled the gaps between thoughts on NFL free agency and pleas to celebrities for TV drama guest roles.

Letters

Fair trade Easter

Consumers often contribute to the better well-being of other people in the world. This was true with fair trade coffee and is becoming more and more true with other fair trade goods, such as chocolate.

The purchase of fair trade certified products has important consequences.

It allows many producers to receive reasonable prices for their products and numerous workers and producers to climb out of poverty. It also has positive impacts on the environment.

About 200,000 slave children work on farms and cocoa plantations, some against their will, in the Ivory Coast, which is the world's leading producer, supplying 35 per cent of its cocoa. The working conditions can be extremely dangerous, and living conditions can be very poor.

We should all work towards a world where solidarity is at the heart of economic development. A fair trade Easter would be an immense step in this direction.

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Comedian Jeremy Hotz is making his way across Canada on his Magical Misery Tour. SUPPLIED/JEREMY HOTZ

Jeremy Hotz is still miserable

Magical Misery Tour. Comedian's cross-Canada tour rolls into Regina today

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Jeremy Hotz has been a working comedian for nearly two decades now, not an easy feat to pull off. But that doesn't mean he is all that happy about it.

"I am never going to be the guy who gets up on stage and says, 'Hey! It is really good to be here tonight!'" said Hotz. "Because my ideal job would be to wake up in the morning and just stand there and get paid for it, but that's not happening."

Still, Hotz's Magical Misery Tour, which will be at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina on March 14, is working its way across Canada and has him playing huge venues like Toronto's Massey Hall.

Clearly, Hotz is doing something right with his brand of confused and pessimistic comedy.

"It is great, I can't even describe what is happening. I just got out of Massey Hall there and that was something that, you know, I won't forget," said Hotz.

Hotz, who is originally from Ottawa, is most memorable for his many appearances at Just for Laughs Comedy Festival, which have been compiled and named What a Miserable DVD This Is.

Hotz's misery is as much a part of his show as basketballs are a part of a Harlem Globetrotters performance. His pessimism, according to Hotz, is a theme people can relate to.

"With the state of the world and everything, I think I was a little ahead of my time with the misery thing," said Hotz. "But I think the world has finally caught up with me. You know? Just read the paper."

He now lives in L.A and says he sometimes forgets how recognizable he is in Canada.

"I don't really realize what it's like for me here because I am not here, I come back and everyone stares at me," sighed Hotz. "They don't come up and say anything, they just look at you like you are a monkey in a zoo when you walk down the street."

But Hotz hasn't gone all Hollywood, if that's what you're thinking.

"It doesn't matter the size of the venue, I create a real intimate experience regardless of how many people there are," said Hotz. "The fans for me are number one, they are what got me here ... I don't leave until the last person is gone, and that can take up to two hours."

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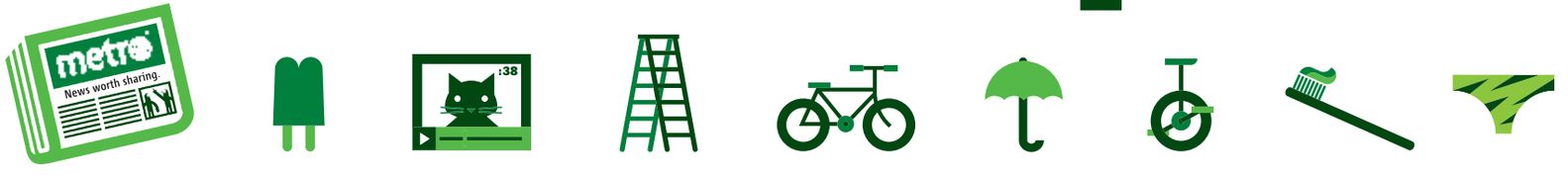

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The Word

Twitter joke makes Beliebers go Wilde

Olivia Wilde has learned the hard way not to criticize Justin Bieber, as her post to Twitter earlier this month imploring the pop star to "put your f--ing shirt on" earned her more than 17,000 angry responses from Bieber fans.

"It's pretty much the funniest thing that's ever happened to me because my Twitter feed is now filled with the most hilarious abuse," she says during a visit to the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "One of them was like, 'Are you a lesbian or are you too old?' That's great, because it's a question I never asked myself before."

Wilde is making light of the threats to her safety, telling CNN, "I'm going to get attacked with acid. Someone's going to throw acid in my face. If that happens, there are 35 million Beliebers that did it, so find them."

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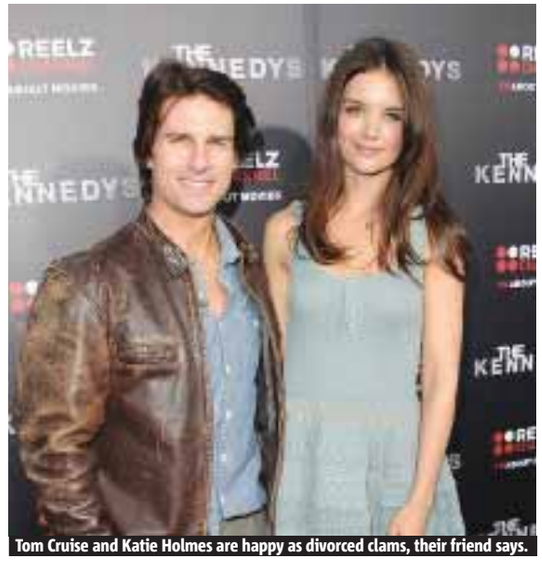

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are happy as divorced clams, their friend says.

Tom and Kate are doing just swell after split, says mutual friend

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, at least according to director Adam Shankman, who is friends with both.

Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's high-profile split last summer, the two are doing just swell.

"They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting (All You Need Is Kill) in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy," Shankman adds.

Hawaiians: watch out for nude, singing stars in a backyard near you.

Dream on, paparazzi: new Hawaiian law named after Aerosmith singer

Hawaii's state senate has passed the Steven Tyler Act, which gives celebrities the right to sue paparazzi over unwanted photos and videos taken of them, and the man for whom the act is named couldn't be more thrilled. "(In Hawaii,) they are allowed in with their lenses and they get the most intimate of shots. Not on my watch," he tells Billboard. "Now at least Joe (Perry) and I can go to Maui and walk around naked in the back lawn and write some crazy songs."

Diet Coke's 30th anniversary bottles and cans are getting some fashionable fizz with the help of designer Marc Jacobs. The toy-soldier-sized New Yorker talks sex, Kate Moss and refusing to compete with Tom Ford.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

How to open up a can of kickass

Marc his words.

The fashion world's favourite bad boy takes a moment from his mid-life crisis to chat with Metro

Next month you'll turn 50. What do you have planned for your mid-life crisis?
My mid-life crisis has been going on for 20 years. I don't see it as a crisis at all. I think it's quite an adventure — not a crisis for me. I'm not going to buy a Corvette or anything like that — I guess that's someone else's mid-life crisis.

You've said you don't have any big party plans but you seem to enjoy wearing some pretty outrageous outfits like that pink polo shirt dress. Do you enjoy getting dressed up?
I do enjoy it. I love attention. I'm very honest about it. There were years where I just didn't want to do press and I didn't really care about my appearance and I sort of shied away from things like that. But in order to enjoy them, I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt. Also, I feel like I need to relate to that joy and that ritual of going shopping and finding something to wear and then wearing it. I think being connected to that makes me a better designer. It's sort of like practising what you preach. I wouldn't really be doing my job if I didn't do that.

What's your relationship like with Kate Moss?
Kate Moss? She just texted me. We've been on holiday together. We were in Ibiza a few years ago with her daughter (Lila Grace), (photographers) Mert (Alas) and Marcus (Piggott) and some friends of mine. I've spent a great deal of time with Kate over the years. We genuinely like each other — we just click.

She regularly closes your show. Do you ask her or vice-versa?
It works both ways. She's expressed interest and of course, I've expressed interest in wanting her in a show. Over the past few years, it's kind of like the Vuitton show is the only show she'll do. It's kind of just become this thing.

Jacobs' Diet Coke designs were inspired by three decades of female empowerment: the '80s, '90s and '00s. PROVIDED

The Marc By Marc Jacobs Fall 2013 fashion show.
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Your last Louis Vuitton shows had sexual undertones. How does sex influence your work?

Just Jacobs

"I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt."
Marc Jacobs

Sex is a big part of my life. It's a very big part of most people's lives whether they want to admit it or not. I don't know, sometimes when collections feel more personal there's more of an undercurrent of things that are of an emotional nature. When I dream, there's this darkness, this melancholy side, there's this sexual tension and then there's this kind of identity thing that goes on. An element of role-play and honesty. In the collections that I feel most proud, there are personal feelings and emotions that make it human.

You're in great shape and so is Tom Ford. Who's the bigger stud and why?
I don't know. I don't compete with Tom Ford. Tom's a friend of mine and I think Tom's terrific. He's a great looking guy and all of that but I certainly don't set out to compete with Tom (laughs). I wouldn't compare anything of mine to anything of his.

How does the inspiration and working process for you differ between your Marc Jacobs and Louis Vuitton collections?
The New York collection is very personal to my life growing up in New York. My collection in Paris is very much about my life in Paris, which is a bit of more of a fantasy life, that of being a French designer and working with the great ateliers of Paris — it feels a little bit like I'm looking in on a different world.

Are there too many designer collaborations?
No, no. It's always a two-way street. If nobody had any interest in designers doing cans and bottles for Coca-Cola, then Diet Coke wouldn't ask designers to do it. It's about supply and demand.

Do you think that fashion houses are creating too many collections these days?
It is too much but I don't actively participate in all of it to the same degree. I know when I'm most needed and that's when I rise to the occasion and I don't think any one person does do that much. They might say that they do but they don't.

Cigarettes, coffee and Diet Coke, would you say that you've got an addictive personality?
Well, let's not put cigarettes in the same category as Diet Coke. Hmm, cigarette smoking is my bad habit, I'd say. It's my biggest vice and bad habit — I don't recommend it.

Decades of Diet Coke

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Products working hard every season

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As winter slowly melts away and the thermometer steadily rises, we start dealing with that in between weather, where the temperature can be unpredictable. But now the boundaries between interior and exterior furniture and equipment are coming together in style and functionality. Here's a group of useful home decor products that not only live up to good style but also serve us well, whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

Black-out drapes

Keep cold drafts away during winter months and cut the bright summer sun with a drape that's right on trend. This light silk/satin drape with a block-out liner is affordable and stylish. Tip: In order to keep maximum light out, overlap the sides and top of your window by six inches to guarantee light doesn't creep in.

AZUKI Blackout Drape, from $30, bouclair.ca

Hot-cold fan

Add a little heat on those still-chilly nights and when summer arrives switch this all-in-one heater-fan over to a cool breeze. No visible heating elements or fan blades gives this a fresh, sleek style.

Nickel finish Dyson Hot + Cool fan heater, $450, dyson.ca

Entrance organizing

Whether inside or out, a place to organize is always welcome. A bench, storage and hanging combo not only looks good but also keeps you organized. Durable enough for outside yet streamlined enough for in the house.

The APPLARO bench is a perfect place to perch. $149, ikea.ca

Heated trivet

Go from cosy indoor entertaining to dining alfresco with a microwavable hot plate. Just a quick zap for two minutes keeps it hot for up to an hour.

Mastrad Microwavable Hot Plate, $50, sears.ca

Trendy pillows

Take the hot looks of inside to the great outdoors without worry — these indoor/outdoor pillows are water and fade resistant! Tip: Use indoor/outdoor fabric items for their durability in heavy-use spaces like kids play areas and recreation rooms.

Lattice Pillows, $30/set of two, homesense.ca

Grilling from inside to out

Use as an electric grill in your kitchen or on the patio. A 1,600-watt electric grilling element offers plenty of fast heat for grilling and cooking.

George Foreman Indoor/Outdoor Electric Barbecue Grill. $130, bedbathandbeyond.ca

Can't find your wallpaper? Create it online

Decor. Creating custom fabrics and wallpapers is now as easy as logging onto your computer

Shop owner J Frank, left, and Sarah Rowland with the wallpaper she designed for Dixie Donuts in Richmond, Va. The owners asked Rowland to design a custom wallpaper for an accent wall. SARAH ROWLAND/JAY PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Renee Pedro bought a house with mid-century decor, she decided to embrace the look.

Drawing inspiration from the 1963 Philco oven in her kitchen, she began hunting for towels and table linens with a mod '60s vibe to complement the appliance.

"That oven was my style. My thing," said Pedro, of Philadelphia.

She was disappointed by the lack of choices, and in 2009 began looking for a way to create her own textiles to decorate the kitchen. "I couldn't find something that fit my esthetic, so I decided to make it," she said.

After a year of looking online, she found a company that would allow her to design her own fabric. Now she runs her own online business, Crashpaddesigns.com, selling tea towels, pillow cases and table linens in mod, bright, geometric or flowered patterns that she designs herself.

Many companies have begun to offer consumers the chance to create custom fabrics and wallpapers. Advances in printing have made it more affordable to create small runs, and to make high-quality products faster and cheaper, said Aaron Kirsch, president of Astek Wallcovering Inc. in Van Nuys, Calif.

He sells directly to consumers via his company's website, Designyourwall.com. The company also makes custom products for the fashion, hospitality and motion picture industries. Demand for the custom products has been steadily rising, Kirsch said.

"Custom wall covering ... has gone ballistic," he said.

Homeowners can create their own wall covering for about $6.50 a square foot, he said.

Custom fabrics run about $18 to $30 a yard, said Rysa Pitner, founder of Fabric on Demand in Los Angeles.

Custom options appeal to "individuals who love to author their own stuff," she said. You can upload photos, original artwork or computer-generated designs on her company's website, Fabricondemand.com.

Some manufacturers have designers who help customers develop the look they want. Do-it-yourself designers can usually preview the order online or order a sample piece. It normally takes less than a month for orders to be processed. The websites also have a wide variety of premade patterns available.

Creating rolls of wallpaper for an accent wall or producing yards of fabric to make curtains, bedding or furniture covering allows homeowners to create layers of design that contribute to the look they are after, added Los Angeles designer Kate Albrecht, who runs the website Mrkate.com.

"It's a layered look where they feel like each little element of a room speaks about their personality," she said.

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A balance of sweet and tart that's suited for any time

Lemon Poppy Seed Loaf

This recipe serves 16. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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This is a delicious and versatile loaf that can be served at breakfast or brunch or for dessert at dinner. If you prefer muffins, just spray 12 muffin cups with vegetable oil, pour in the batter and bake in a 375 F oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-x5- inch loaf pan with cooking oil.

2. For cake, combine the granulated sugar, oil, egg, lemon rind and 3 tbsp juice in a large bowl or a food processor. Mix well. Add milk, mixing thoroughly.

3. Combine the flour, poppy seeds, baking powder and baking soda. Add to the wet mixture alternately with the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated. Do not overmix.

4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre of the cake comes out dry. Set the pan on a rack to cool for 10 minutes. The centre of the cake may sink slightly when it cools.

5. For a glaze, combine the icing sugar and 2 tbsp lemon juice. Prick holes in the top of the loaf with a fork or wooden skewer and pour the glaze over the loaf.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup 2% yogurt or light sour cream
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

For your phone

Healthy Desserts by Green Kitchen (iPhone/iPad; $1.99)

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Snacks with a rich taste can still be healthy thanks to natural sweeteners. Espresso Macaroons, Chai Brownies and Apricot Toffee are among 48 recipes offering sugar-free and gluten-free temptations.

Popping something good

1. Heat empty cast-iron Dutch oven over low heat 2 minutes.

2. Add enough olive oil to the pot to thinly coat the entire bottom. Add a single layer of popcorn kernels. You want them to be touching but not more than one layer thick. Increase the heat to medium and place the lid on the pot. Wait until popping begins, then turn the heat down slightly.

3. Shake the pot every 30 seconds or so. Start shaking a bit more when the popping starts to subside. When the kernels stop popping in unison and you only hear one pop every couple of seconds, it is done.

4. Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Season generously with the toppings listed below, or another one of your favourites. Toss the popcorn in the bowl and sprinkle with additional seasoning several times to make sure you have an even coating. Serve immediately or let cool.

Jazz up your popcorn with unique toppings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 to 3 tbsp olive oil (depending on the size of the pot)
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup popcorn kernels (depending on the size of the pot)
- Fine-grain sea salt or other seasoned toppings

Wet Popcorn Toppings

Be certain to spread the popcorn flat on a baking sheet before adding wet toppings, then let it set before serving.

- Melted chocolate
- Melted chocolate and peanut butter
- Melted caramels and a pinch of salt

Dry Popcorn Toppings

- Maple sugar and crispy bits of smoked bacon
- Mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and peanuts
- Mini M&Ms, chopped roasted almonds and dried coconut
- Ragin' Cajun Spice mixture
- Lemon-pepper salt
- Italian spice blend and finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Truffle salt
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- Barbecue rub

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Snack. Tropical Granola

Enjoy this granola anywhere, even on the run.

1. In saucepan over high heat, bring juice beverage to boil and boil until reduced by half. Let cool slightly. Stir in honey, maple syrup and oil. Set aside.

2. In large bowl, stir together oats, coconut, banana, pineapple, almonds, macadamia nuts, apricot, mango, pumpkin seeds, ginger and salt. Pour juice mixture over top; toss to coat.

3. Spread evenly on 2 greased or parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheets. Bake in 325 F (160 C) oven for 30 minutes, rotating pans and stirring once, or until granola is golden.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup Minute Maid Chilled Mango Juice Beverage
- 1/3 cup liquid honey
- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 cups large-flake rolled oats
- 11/2 cups unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 1/2 cups dried banana chips
- 1 cup chopped dried pine apple
- 1 cup whole raw almonds
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricot
- 1/2 cup chopped dried mango
- 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt

Nick Diaz up to old tricks, no-show at public workout

UFC. Welterweight title challenger fails to make appearance ahead of UFC 158 fight against GSP

Georges St-Pierre played with children and threw signed merchandise into the crowd. His opponent, Nick Diaz, didn't bother to show up.

Short of escorting a senior citizen across the street or donating an organ to a relative in need, St-Pierre couldn't have done much more for his good-guy image at a public workout Wednesday in advance of UFC 158.

And Diaz, whose matchup with GSP at UFC 137 in 2011 was shelved after failing to show up for news conferences in Toronto and Las Vegas, added to his bad-boy reputation.

The California fighter was slated to show between noon and 1 p.m. at the downtown mall that was host to the workout. St-Pierre was due between 1 and 2 p.m.

Diaz never made it. The only glimpse fans got of him was a side shot on a giant promotional poster overhead and a close-up of his sneer on a floor-mounted display.

"We're still trying to find him," said Tom Wright, the UFC's director of Canadian operations.

"Maybe he's on Stockton time," he added, referring to Diaz's home in the Stockton-Lodi area of California.

More likely Diaz time.

Diaz and brother Nate were seen getting on the elevator at the UFC hotel at 2:20 p.m., airline tags still attached to their knapsacks. The St-Pierre entourage arrived at the hotel some 15 minutes later after fulfilling their media obligations at the workout.

Diaz has a history of playing hooky. The UFC says he missed two days filming for a preview show for this card. The Diaz camp says they did not get proper notice.

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The show must go on

Nick Diaz's no-show is hardly likely to trigger anything more than a tongue-lashing from UFC president Dana White given the proximity to Saturday's show at the Bell Centre. Plus Diaz is on the hook to be at Thursday's news conference and Friday's weigh-in.

- "He better be at the press conf(erence)," White said in a text to The Canadian Press.

Bitter rivals duke it out in la belle province

Ottawa Senators goaltender Robin Lehner is scored on by Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban, not shown, as Canadien Tomas Plekanec supplies a screen in Montreal on Wednesday night. The Canadiens won 4-3 in a shootout. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Head shot earns Perry four-game suspension

Anaheim Ducks forward Corey Perry has been suspended for four games for elbowing Minnesota Wild forward Jason Zucker in the head.

Zucker was helped off the ice after the late hit in the second period of the Ducks' 2-1 win over the Wild on Tuesday. He did not return.

Perry was assessed a major penalty for interference and a game misconduct on the play. He will forfeit $115,135.12 US in salary

The incident occurred when Perry dipped his shoulder and threw an elbow at Zucker's head, sending him crashing into the corner boards. Zucker stayed down on the ice for about five minutes as he was helped by trainers.

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NBA. Bargnani out for season with elbow injury

Toronto Raptors forward Andrea Bargnani is expected to miss the rest of the season with an elbow injury.

Bargnani suffered an avulsion sprain to his right elbow against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night.

The Raptors said the injury is not related to Bargnani's previous right elbow ailment that forced the Italian to miss 26 games from Dec. 12 to Feb. 3. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Andrea Bargnani attempts a shot against the Phoenix Suns on March 6. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB spring training

Pirates sail past Blue Jays

Mark Buehrle allowed one run while pitching into the fourth inning, but Carlos Paulino lifted the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday with an RBI single in the 10th inning.

Paulino singled to centre off reliever Tommy Hottovy, who hit two batters in the inning.

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Soccer. Canada shut out in Cyprus Cup final

Rachel Yankey scored in the 70th minute and England defeated Canada 1-0 Wednesday in the final of the Cyprus Cup women's soccer tournament.

Canada made three substitutions late as it pressed for the tying goal, but couldn't create any dangerous chances as England held on to the lead through five minutes of added time.

Canada lost in the final of the Cyprus Cup for the second straight year, falling 2-0 to France in 2012.

Canada and England will face each other again in an exhibition match on April 7.

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"They were the better team tonight, give them credit." Canada coach John Herdman

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Chan skates up to expectations in short program

World Figure Skating Championships. Top Canadian puts shaky season behind him to lead the field after first event in London, Ont.

Canada's Patrick Chan began his charge for his third consecutive world title with a victory in the short program and a world-record score.

The 22-year-old from Toronto, who clearly looks to have turned the corner from a shaky season, earned 98.37 points for his performance to music by Rachmaninov at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont.

Patrick Chan after his short program skate on Wednesday night in London, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chan landed a huge quad toe loop in a combination, followed by a clean triple Axel and had the crowd at Budweiser Gardens on its feet long before he finished the final turn of his last spin.

Denis Ten of Kazakhstan is second with 91.56 points.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., the perennial national runner-up to Chan, is third with 85.16. One of the world's biggest jumpers, Reynolds was the only skater in the field to do two quads — the second one with a wobbly landing — scoring 85.16 points.

Earlier in the day, Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford laid down a pairs short program good enough to leave the Canadians in second place — the highlight thus far of a partnership only three years in the making.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	48	14	.774	—
d-Indiana	40	24	.625	9
d-New York	38	23	.623	9½
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	11½
Chicago	35	28	.556	13½
Boston	34	29	.540	14½
Atlanta	34	29	.540	14½
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	16½
Toronto	**25**	**39**	**.391**	**24**
Philadelphia	24	39	.381	24½
Detroit	23	43	.348	27
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27
Washington	21	42	.333	27½
Orlando	18	47	.277	31½
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	49	16	.754	—
d-Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	1½
d-Memphis	43	19	.694	4½
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	4
Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	34	30	.531	14½
L.A. Lakers	34	31	.523	15
Utah	33	31	.516	15½
Dallas	30	33	.476	18
Portland	29	34	.460	19
Minnesota	22	40	.355	25½
Phoenix	22	42	.344	26½
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 106 Milwaukee 93
Indiana 107 Minnesota 91
Miami at Philadelphia
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta
Toronto at Boston
Phoenix at Houston
Utah at Oklahoma City
Chicago at Sacramento
New York at Denver
Detroit at Golden State
Memphis at L.A. Clippers
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Lakers 106 Orlando 97
Cleveland 95 Washington 90
Charlotte 100 Boston 74
Brooklyn 108 New Orleans 98
Miami 98 Atlanta 81
Dallas 115 Milwaukee 108
Minnesota 107 San Antonio 83
Memphis 102 Portland 97
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	27	19	8	0	100	78	38
New Jersey	26	12	9	5	65	75	29
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	27	12	14	1	75	82	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	26	17	5	4	84	66	38
Boston	24	17	4	3	72	53	37
Ottawa	26	13	8	5	61	54	31
Toronto	27	15	11	1	81	75	31
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	25	15	9	1	79	69	31
Winnipeg	26	13	11	2	68	76	28
Tampa Bay	26	11	14	1	88	81	23
Washington	25	10	14	1	69	76	21
Florida	27	7	14	6	66	101	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
St. Louis	26	14	10	2	80	79	30
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28
Columbus	27	10	12	5	62	74	25

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30
Minnesota	25	13	10	2	59	61	28
Edmonton	26	10	11	5	64	76	25
Colorado	25	10	11	4	62	73	24
Calgary	24	9	11	4	64	82	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	25	19	3	3	87	63	41
Los Angeles	25	14	9	2	73	65	30
Phoenix	26	13	10	3	77	74	29
San Jose	25	11	8	6	58	61	28
Dallas	25	12	11	2	67	71	26

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa at Montreal
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Detroit at Calgary
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 3 NY Rangers 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Carolina 4 Washington 0
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 5 Toronto 2
St. Louis 4 San Jose 2
Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1
Nashville 4 Dallas 0
Edmonton 4 Colorado 0
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 2
THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	2	0	0	3	1	6
Columbus	1	1	0	4	2	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	4	3	3
Philadelphia	1	1	0	3	4	3
Houston	1	0	0	2	0	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	2	2	3
New England	1	0	0	1	0	3
D.C.	1	1	0	1	2	3
New York	0	1	1	4	5	1
Chicago	0	2	0	0	5	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vancouver	2	0	0	3	1	6
Los Angeles	1	0	0	4	0	3
Chivas USA	1	1	0	3	4	3
Real Salt Lake	1	1	0	2	1	3
FC Dallas	1	1	0	2	3	3
San Jose	1	1	0	2	3	3
Portland	0	1	1	4	5	1
Colorado	0	2	0	1	3	0
Seattle	0	1	0	0	1	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
D.C. at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Make your own decisions today and live with the consequences. Nothing bad is going to happen at all but you must be prepared to go out on a limb and risk being the odd one out.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If someone is giving you a hard time then by all means give them a hard time in return. But make sure you get it right as this is one of those days when too much emotion could lead to costly mistakes.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone who claims to be one thing is something else entirely. You are advised to take what they tell you with a large grain of salt, especially if it sounds too good to be true.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Sometimes you are too sensitive for your own good but today you will go to the other extreme. You just cannot be bothered to respond to other people's criticisms.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to open your eyes and be aware of the trends that are taking shape. Business and financial matters, in particular, could cause a few problems today so make sure you are in control at all times.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Friends and loved ones don't want to do what you want to do, which is frustrating. Compromise is possible but you must be serious about it. If you fail to deliver on what you promise, it could cause a rift.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone wants to undermine your confidence. Don't let them. Keep things in perspective today and, above all, don't let trivial matters, or trivial people, upset you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let the world know you are vulnerable. For too long you have given the impression that you are as cold as ice. You're not. You know it's an act. It's time other people knew it too.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone has deceived you and, of course, you are not in the least bit happy about it. But no matter how hard done by you feel you must not blow your top. If you do, you will only make matters worse.

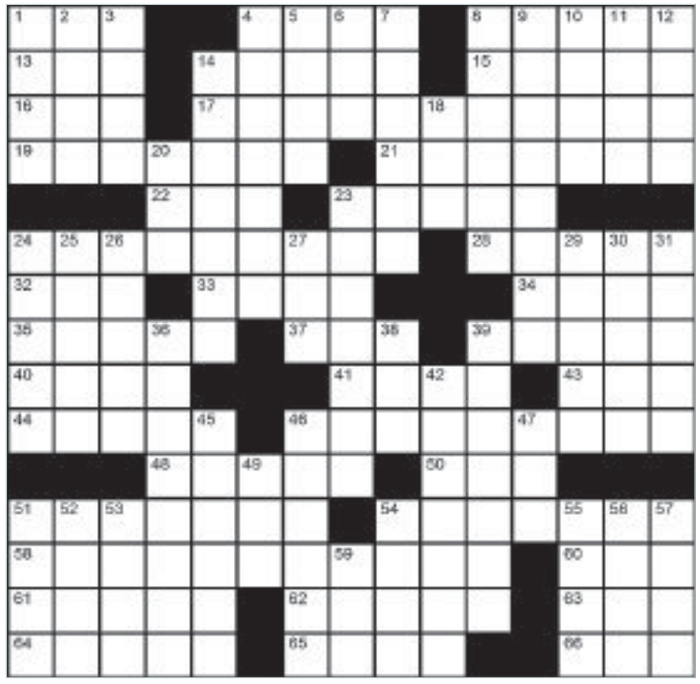
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are trying too hard to live up to what other people expect of you. It's what you expect of yourself that matters, nothing more, nothing less. Be yourself, now and always.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have made up your mind about a personal matter but you should keep it to yourself for now. The planets indicate that your views will change radically over the next few days. Leave wriggle room.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how loudly someone says you are on the wrong track you must ignore them and carry on as before. Even if they are right — and they're not – it doesn't matter. All roads lead to where you need to go. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

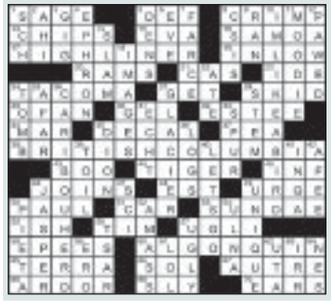
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Concert-goer's purchase, for short
4. Nicknamed baseball star, _-__
8. Norway-like feature in Gros Morne National Park, Nfld.
13. 'Buff' add-on
14. Friend, in Florence
15. Keenly interested
16. Playboy Mansion's man, for short
17. First Canadian astronaut in space: 2 wds.
19. Get back together
21. Mid-afternoon, ___ ___
22. UN workers' gr.
23. Ms. O'Donnell
24. Comedian/actor from Newmarket, ON: 2 wds.
28. Its capital is Damascus
32. Irish actress Ms. O'Connor
33. Nautical ropes
34. Director Mr. Howard's
35. Jazz singer, Carmen __
37. However
39. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
40. Light baseball hit
41. "I'd hate to break up _ __..."
43. Hydrocarbon suffix
44. Mr. Hershiser's of baseball
46. 'A.' of Sir John A. Macdonald
48. Shield in Greek mythology
50. In favour
51. Princess Diana's maiden name
54. Snug
58. Main building on Parliament Hill: 2 wds.
60. Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
61. Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
62. Cordiality
63. NFL's Bengals, on scoreboards
64. Respond
65. Belonging to Axl Rose's rock gr.
66. Senators, on scoreboards

Down
1. Wild goat-like animal (1986)
2. __ Wyck (Book of 1941 by Victoria artist Emily Carr)
3. Bean curd product
4. Romantic
5. Laugh: French
6. Line of work [abbr.]
7. PetSmart purchase: 2 wds.
8. "__ Bueller's Day Off"
9. Thornfield Hall governess: 2 wds.
10. Decorative curved arch
11. Harvest
12. Play like Ringo
14. Running-behind person's query, "__ __?"
18. Ohs partners
20. Mr. Cage, to pals
23. Closes again
24. Extra large
25. Acquire, as debt
26. Seine tributary in France
27. "Video Games" singer: Lana Del __
29. Was using oars
30. Hole-__-__
31. Actor Ed
36. East Coast ocean
38. Dangerous fly, when doubled
39. "__ & Hutch" (2004)
42. Anticipates
45. Clandestine
46. Car safety feature
47. TLC's "What __ to Wear"
49. "Gosh."
51. Red Hot Chili Peppers song: "__ Tissue"
52. Father: French
53. Resort town in Sicily
54. Movie genre, Film __
55. "The __-Motion" by Little Eva
56. Leave
57. Elvis Presley hit: "__ Be Cruel"
59. Alphabet sequence

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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3			9	5		6	4	
6		1					9	
	1	5		4				
			2		9			
				7		3	2	
	8					9		5
	9	2		6	3			7
			1				8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	3	6	5	7	1	8	2	9
7	1	8	9	2	4	3	6	5
2	9	5	6	8	3	1	4	7
3	2	9	8	4	6	5	7	1
6	4	1	3	5	7	9	8	2
5	8	7	1	9	2	4	3	6
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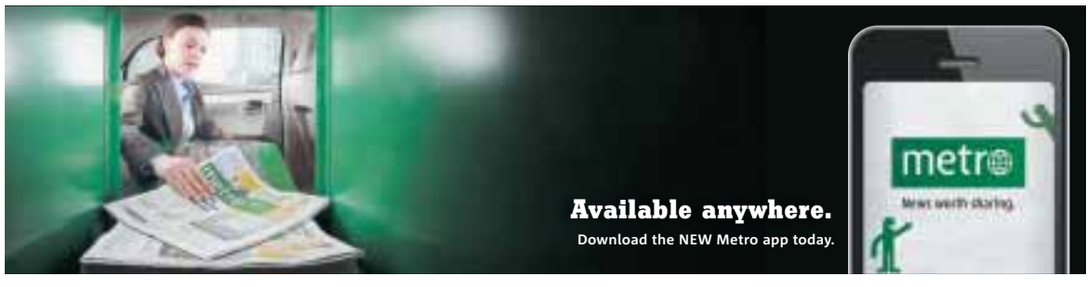
8	7	4	2	1	9	6	5	3



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